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PCT/JP03/010428
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Re: Application of Shinobu TAKAGI, Masaki SHINKAWA, Mikio URA, Shinichi YAGI, Yasushi KANETA, and Tatsuo HISADA
METAL COMPONENT FOR FUEL CELL AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL FOR
POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL AND METAL COMPONENT FOR
FUEL CELL USING THE SAME, POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL
MATERIAL AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME,
CORROSION-RESISTANT CONDUCTIVE COMPONENT AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND FUEL CELL
Assignee: DAIDO TOKUSHUKO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
Our Ref: Q83554

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 12 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-12).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement, International Search Report, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR and other prior art documents, and a copy of each document listed on the PTO/SB/08 A & B.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee, upon consideration of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:



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Total claims	<u>23</u>	-	20	=	<u>3</u>	x	\$50.00	=	<u>\$150.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>11</u>	-	3	=	<u>8</u>	x	\$200.00	=	<u>\$1600.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$300.00</u>
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Examination Fee									<u>\$200.00</u>
Excess Application Pages									<u>\$250.00</u>
TOTAL FILING FEE									<u>\$2900.00</u>
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TOTAL FEE									<u>\$2940.00</u>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$2900.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-239723	August 20, 2002
Japan	2002-257259	September 3, 2002
Japan	2002-312226	October 28, 2002
Japan	2002-380581	December 27, 2002

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on Sunday February 20, 2005, and Monday February 21, 2005 was a Federal holiday, the filing of this application on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

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